

55715 to 55717—Continued.

55717. *PRUNUS SERRULATA SPONTANEA* (Maxim.) Wilson. Amygdalaceæ.

In Japan this variety is a common wild tree in the woods and thickets from Kagoshima in the south to the Nikko region in the north, where it forms a tree over 75 feet in height with a trunk 15 feet in circumference. In habit and color of flowers this variety agrees closely with the northern *Prunus serrulata sachalinensis*; the flowers are white or pink and a little less than an inch in diameter. It is the *Yama sakura* of southern and central Japan. (Adapted from Wilson, *Cherries of Japan*, p. 28.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 41577.

55718 to 55721.

From Likiang, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received July 3, 1922. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55718. *BERBERIS DICTYOPHYLLA* Franch. Berberidaceæ. **Barberry.**

"(No. 3388. May 15, 1922.) A fine yellow-flowered, somewhat spiny shrub which grows on limestone soil in the Likiang Mountains at an altitude of 12,000 feet. The fruits are a brilliant red, and the shrub would make an excellent ornamental."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 49056.

55719. *PRINSEPIA UTILIS* Royle. Amygdalaceæ.

"(No. 3281. Lashihpa. May 10, 1922.) A spiny shrub of great ornamental value, which grows north of Talifu on limestone soil at altitudes of 8,000 to 10,000 feet. In December and January the pendent branches bear a great profusion of white flowers. A cooking oil is expressed from the seeds, which are gathered by the Chinese and native tribes."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42623.

55720. *PRUNUS* sp. Amygdalaceæ. **Cherry.**

"(No. 3256. May 9, 1922.) A wild cherry which forms a large spreading tree 50 feet high with a trunk up to 2 feet in diameter; it grows at 8,500 feet altitude in forests beyond Chinhoh. It should be a fine tree for stock purposes; it bears large numbers of small yellow fruits."

55721. *ROSA* sp. Rosaceæ. **Rose.**

"(No. 3238. Lashihpa. May 10, 1922.) A fine climbing rose which grows in great profusion at 8,000 feet altitude near Likiang. It is a prolific bloomer, bearing large corymbs of flowers which are at first yellow, but become white when fully opened."

For an illustration of this rose, see Plate IV.

55722. *TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE* L. Fabaceæ. **Red clover.**

From London, England. Seeds presented by Walter S. Tower, American commercial attaché, London, through the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, United States Department of Commerce. Received July 3, 1922.

Introduced for department agrostologists.

55723. *MAGNOLIA CAMPBELLI* Hook. f. and Thoms. Magnoliaceæ.

From Darjiling, India. Seeds presented by G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden. Received July 3, 1922.

A beautiful deciduous magnolia from the Himalayas, where it ascends to 8,000 feet above sea level. It reaches a height of 80 feet, has very dark bark,